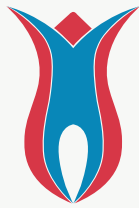




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PREFACE

Preface

Embarking on the journey of European Union's Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects in Türkiye is not just an educational pursuit; it is **a gateway to a future brimming with opportunities**. These programmes are designed to offer more than just academic enrichment – they are a passport to personal growth, global perspective, and lifelong friendships. As you delve into the pages of this comprehensive guide provided by the Turkish National Agency, you'll discover the myriad ways these initiatives can shape your future.

Erasmus+, with its mobility programmes, opens doors to several opportunities that transcend borders. Studying abroad or engaging in traineeships not only enriches your academic portfolio but exposes you to diverse cultures, fostering a deeper understanding of the world.

Youth opportunities, including **youth exchanges, DiscoverEU, mobility of youth workers, youth participation, and virtual exchanges**, present a spectrum of experiences aimed at empowering the youth. These initiatives are not just about travel; they are about building character, resilience, and a sense of global citizenship.

European Solidarity Corps takes the spirit of solidarity beyond geographical boundaries, offering a chance to make a positive impact on communities while gaining valuable skills and experiences. Engaging in the European Solidarity Corps is an opportunity not only to contribute to meaningful projects but also to shape your personal and professional narrative.

As you explore the diverse opportunities awaiting you in Türkiye, the guide highlights the unique advantages of choosing this vibrant country for your educational and personal journey. From quality higher education institutions and diverse programmes to a rich multicultural life, historical heritage, and modern technological campuses, Türkiye offers an ideal backdrop for personal and academic growth.

This guide is not just a compilation of resources; it's **a roadmap to a future** where learning transcends boundaries, friendships know no borders, and opportunities are limitless. Türkiye, with its blend of tradition and modernity, beckons you to explore, learn, and grow.

Your journey begins here!

Take the first step towards a brighter, globally enriched future.



ERASMUS+

TURKISH NATIONAL Agency

The Center for European Union Education and Youth Programmes (Turkish National Agency), was established on August 6, 2003. The Turkish National Agency serves as the **public institution** entrusted with the implementation of **Erasmus+** and **European Solidarity Corps Programmes** in Türkiye. Its primary responsibility lies in ensuring effective coordination with the European Commission for the smooth execution of these programmes.

The National Agency, became a full member of the EU Education and Youth Programmes on April 1, 2004, and started running EU's education, youth and sports programmes currently known as Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.

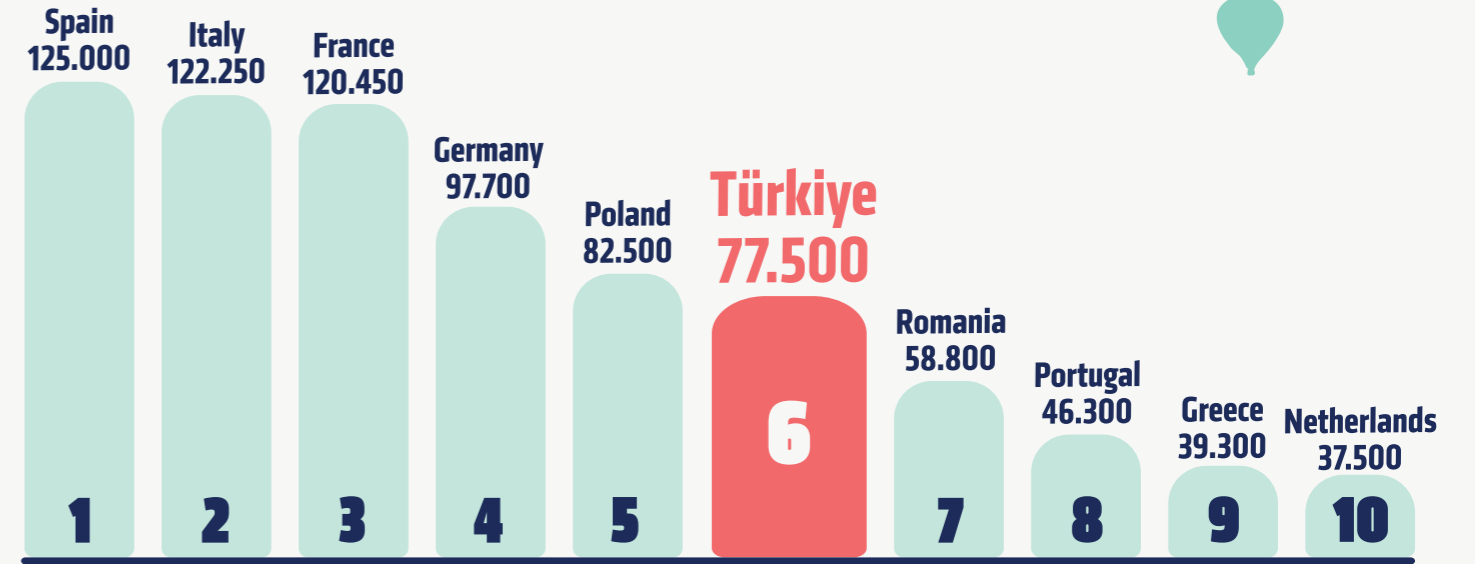
Responsible for managing EU's
Erasmus+ and ESC Programmes in
Türkiye

Education, internship, volunteering
and cooperation opportunities with
Erasmus+ and ESC programmes in
Türkiye and abroad.

Türkiye is an
Erasmus+ Programme Country
since 2004.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY
CORPS

TÜRKİYE: A Distinguished Destination to Explore



In a testament to its active engagement, Türkiye proudly holds the 6th position among the top 10 countries participating in the Erasmus+ programme. This noteworthy achievement underscores Türkiye's dedication to facilitating cross-cultural understanding and providing valuable learning and development opportunities for students, educators, and professionals alike.

“Türkiye invites you to experience Erasmus+ and ESC in a welcoming environment!”

Erasmus+ Programmes



**Key Action 1:
Learning Mobility of Individuals**

**Key Action 2:
Cooperation Among Organisations and
Institutions**

**Key Action 3:
Support to Policy Development and
Cooperation**

Jean Monnet Actions

KEY ACTION 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals

“THE Actions supported under this Key Action are expected to bring positive and long-lasting effects on the participants and participating organisations involved, as well as on the policy systems in which such activities are framed.”



Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals

The mobility activities target diverse participant groups, including **students, trainees, apprentices, adult learners,** and **young people,** fostering improvements in learning, employability, and career prospects.

- Focus on improving learning, employability, and career prospects.
- Development of initiative, entrepreneurship, and intercultural awareness for enhanced self-empowerment.
- Aim to instill a better understanding of the European project and EU values.
- Motivation for future participation in education and training.
- Emphasis on fostering a deeper understanding of the European project and EU values.



The second set of activities targets **staff, youth workers,** and **education professionals,** resulting in positive outcomes such as improved competences, a broader understanding of practices, policies, and systems across countries, and the capacity to instigate modernization and international opening in educational organizations.

- Capacity to instigate modernization and international opening in educational organizations.
- Insights into the interconnections between formal and non-formal education and the labor market.

The objectives of these mobility activities extend to enhancing **organizations'** abilities to operate effectively at the EU and international levels.

- Involves refining management skills, devising internationalization strategies, and fostering collaboration.
- Emphasis on the quality of project preparation and implementation.

The strategy includes upgrading qualifications, recognizing competences acquired during international learning, and implementing effective activities for local communities.

- Focus on recognizing competences acquired during international learning.



A call for a modern, dynamic, and professional organizational environment stresses the importance of integrating good practices and fostering openness to collaborations with organizations in various fields.

- Importance of integrating good practices and fostering openness to collaborations.
- Collaboration with organizations in various fields is encouraged.

Key Action 2: Cooperation Among Organisations and Institutions

THIS Key action supports:

- Partnerships for Cooperation, including Cooperation Partnerships and Small-scale Partnerships;
- Partnerships for Excellence, including Centres for Vocational Excellence, Teachers Academy and Erasmus Mundus Action;
- Partnerships for Innovation, including Alliances for Innovation projects;
- Capacity Building projects in the fields of higher education, vocational education and training, youth and sport;
- Not-for-profit European sport events.

The initiatives supported under this Key Action are anticipated to make significant contributions to the programme's priorities, yielding positive and enduring effects on participating organizations, the relevant policy systems, and the individuals directly or indirectly engaged in the organized activities. The expected outcomes involve the development, transfer, and/or implementation of innovative practices across various levels, including organizational, local, regional, national, or European scales. The management of these actions is contingent upon the field addressed and the type of applicant, with **National Agencies** or the **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** overseeing them.



Key Action 3: Support to Policy Development and Cooperation

THIS provides support to, policy cooperation at European Union level, thereby contributing to the implementation of existing policies and the development of new policies, which can trigger modernisation and reforms, at European Union, and systems' level, in the fields of education, training, youth and sport.

The actions conducted through this Key Action are multifaceted, with overarching objectives including the preparation and support of the EU policy agenda on education, training, youth, and sport.

- Objectives include facilitating the governance of the open methods of coordination and conducting European policy experimentations.
- Other goals involve gathering evidence and knowledge about education systems and fostering transparency and recognition of skills.
- The initiatives also aim to promote policy dialogue with stakeholders, enhance program implementation, provide learning experiences abroad, and support scaling-up of Erasmus+ projects.
- Additionally, they contribute to the dissemination of good practices and success stories.



Through conferences, events, and various activities, these actions strive to raise awareness about European policy agendas, promote Europe as a study and research destination, and inform citizens and organizations about the Erasmus+ Programme and EU policies in the fields of education, training, youth, and sport.

- Informing citizens and organizations about the Erasmus+ Programme and EU policies in education, training, youth, and sport is emphasized.
- The actions focus on providing comprehensive information and fostering engagement in the mentioned policy areas.

JEAN MONNET Actions

“ Jean Monnet actions offer opportunities in the field of higher education and in other fields of education and training. The Jean Monnet actions contribute to spread knowledge about the European Union integration matters. ”

Jean Monnet Actions, operating within Erasmus+, aim to stimulate teaching, learning, research, and debates **on the European Union**. This includes funding opportunities for schools and vocational education institutions, supporting teachers to inform and develop critical awareness about the EU among young people. The actions cover both education and vocational training. Additionally, higher education institutions actions focus on supporting teaching and research in European Union studies globally, emphasizing the EU dimension from both internal and global perspectives. The scope of EU studies aims to promote active European citizenship, values, and awareness of the EU's role in a globalized world, facilitating future engagement and people-to-people dialogue.

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- Jean Monnet Actions in the field of higher education
- Jean Monnet Actions in other fields of education and training
- Jean Monnet policy debate (higher education and other fields of education and training)

These actions will be implemented by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).



HIGHER EDUCATION Higher Education OPPORTUNITIES Opportunities

The higher education mobility initiative supports the physical and blended mobility of students across all study fields and levels, including short cycle, bachelor, master, and doctoral programmes.

Students can engage in either studying abroad at partner institutions or undertaking internships in various work environments abroad. The option to combine a study period with a traineeship is also encouraged, enhancing overall learning outcomes and transversal skill development.

- Emphasis on the value of long-term physical mobility.
- Acknowledges the importance of flexible durations for accessibility.
- Ensures inclusivity for students from diverse backgrounds and circumstances.

In addition to student mobility, the action extends its support to higher education teaching and administrative staff, enabling them to participate in professional development activities abroad. Moreover, staff from the world of work are encouraged to contribute by teaching or training students and staff at higher education institutions, encompassing various activities such as job shadowing, observation periods, and training courses.



Furthermore, the action promotes blended intensive programmes, facilitating collaborative efforts among higher education institutions to develop curricula and activities for blended mobility involving students, academic staff, and administrative personnel.

- Primary objective is to contribute to a European Education Area with a global reach.
- Aims to strengthen the connection between education and research.
- Fosters employability, social inclusion, civic engagement, innovation, and environmental sustainability.
- Specific goals include exposing students to different perspectives, knowledge, and methodologies.
- Focus on developing transversal skills and nurturing forward-looking skills such as digital and green capabilities.
- Aims to facilitate personal growth, including adaptability and self-confidence.

STUDYING ABROAD

Studying Abroad

ERASMUS+ facilitates student and doctoral candidate exchanges within countries fully part of the Erasmus+ programme and to and from countries associated with it. By studying abroad with Erasmus+, students can enhance their communication, language, and intercultural skills while gaining valuable soft skills recognized by future employers. The opportunity to combine a study period abroad with a traineeship for work experience is also available to students at short cycle Bachelor and Master levels and Doctoral candidates.

- Enhances communication, language, and intercultural skills.
- Provides valuable soft skills recognized by future employers.
- Allows for the combination of study periods with traineeships for practical work experience.
- Supports long-term study periods abroad (minimum 2 months).
- Enables short-term physical mobility (minimum 5 days).
- Allows blended mobility with virtual and physical elements.
- Limits total time abroad to 12 months within one study cycle. (specific considerations for one-cycle courses for medicine or architecture.)

To be eligible, students must be registered in a higher education institution, enrolled in studies leading to a recognized degree or tertiary-level qualification, and have a relevant study abroad period as part of their degree-related learning.

- Inter-institutional agreement and Erasmus Charter for Higher Education required.
- Academic recognition involves a Learning Agreement for Studies and a transcript of records.

Financial support, provided through Erasmus+ grants, contributes to travel and subsistence costs. Extra support is available for traineeships, students with fewer opportunities, or those from outermost regions.

- Erasmus+ grants cover travel and subsistence costs.
- Grant agreements specify duration, amount, and other obligations.
- Exemption from various fees and eligibility for additional grants as Erasmus+ students.

Application processes managed through the international or Erasmus+ office with fair and transparent criteria.



Traineeships Abroad for Students

ERASMUS+ supports traineeships abroad for students enrolled in higher education institutions in Programme Countries at short-cycle Bachelor and Master levels, including doctoral candidates and recent graduates.

- Benefits of traineeships for students include the development of entrepreneurial and creative skills.
- Traineeships improve foreign language skills and provide a deeper understanding of another country and culture.
- For companies, hosting a trainee brings new perspectives, innovative ideas, increased competitiveness, and access to new markets.

Erasmus+ supports traineeships for a duration of 2 to 12 months, and individuals can also engage in blended mobility, combining a short physical stay abroad with a virtual period.

- Traineeships can be integrated into the study programme and are open to any student with an Erasmus+ Charter for Higher Education.
- Opportunities for traineeships at any organization worldwide, excluding EU institutions, bodies, and agencies.



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- Designed to be easily integrated into youth projects or higher education courses.

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- Objectives include encouraging intercultural dialogue with third countries.
- Aims to complement Erasmus+ physical mobility.
- Enhance critical thinking and media literacy through virtual exchanges.
- Foster digital and soft skills development among participants.
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VIRTUAL EXCHANGES

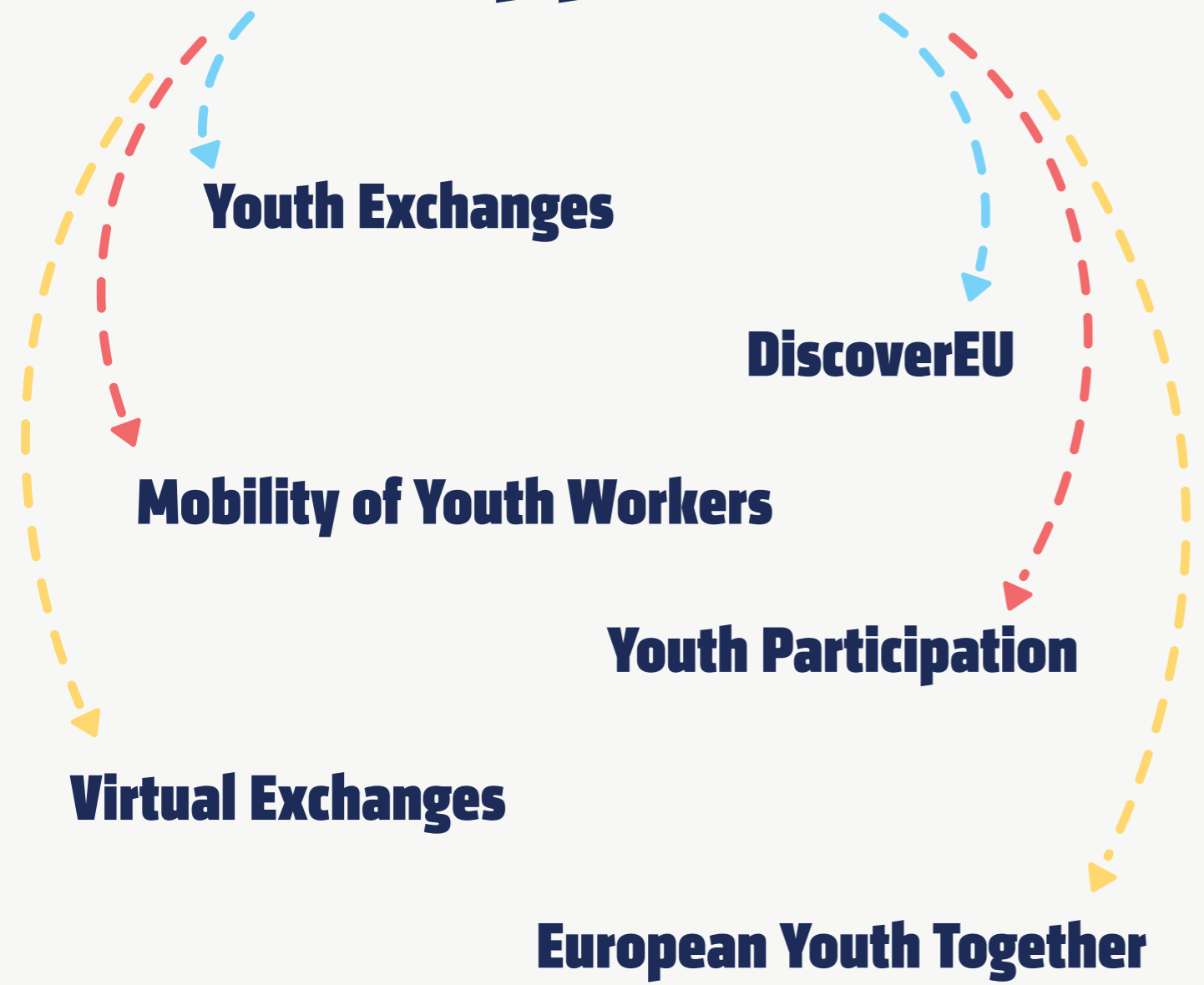
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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Opportunities



ERASMUS+ is a catalyst for elevating the quality of youth work and providing invaluable **non-formal learning experiences** through available funding for organizations and informal groups of young people. Within the programme, **young individuals** have the chance to embark on mobility activities in Europe and beyond, fostering personal growth and intercultural experiences. Simultaneously, **youth workers** can enhance their skills and competencies through dedicated training and networking activities.

Beyond individual development, Erasmus+ actively supports meaningful interactions between policymakers and young people, encouraging active participation in democratic life. This multifaceted programme serves as a gateway to fostering a dynamic and engaged youth community while promoting the values of education, collaboration, and democratic participation.

Young individuals have the opportunity to engage with numerous youth projects either by participating as individuals in funded projects or by directly applying for funding. Applications can be done individually, as part of an **informal youth group**, or through an **institution**, aligning with the specific criteria outlined by the respective projects. the specific criteria outlined by the respective projects.



YOUTH EXCHANGES

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YOUTH EXCHANGES enable groups of young people from different countries to come together, live collectively, and collaborate on shared projects for short durations. These exchanges, held outside the school environment, involve a variety of activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, and outdoor pursuits. The learning experiences gained during these exchanges are officially recognized through the issuance of a Youthpass.

- Youth exchanges typically last from 5 to 21 days, excluding travel time.
- Accessible to individuals aged 13 to 30, with group leaders required to be at least 18 years old.
- Management is overseen by youth organizations, informal groups, or relevant entities.

Financial support for youth exchanges is provided through EU grants, covering travel expenses, practical needs, and activity-related costs essential for the success of the exchange.

Participation in a youth exchange involves an application process conducted by organizations or groups of young people. Notably, individual applications for grants are not accepted, and organizations or groups are responsible for applying and selecting participants for the exchange.



DISCOVEREU

DiscoverEU

DiscoverEU provides 18-year-old citizens with the chance to explore Europe through enriching learning experiences. Whether traveling predominantly by rail (with exceptions for those residing on islands or in remote areas), participants have the opportunity to discover Europe's diverse landscapes, cities, and towns.

As part of the DiscoverEU Inclusion Action, this funding is allocated to support **young individuals facing fewer opportunities** in exploring Europe.

This extra assistance aims to help them overcome obstacles related to application and travel, ensuring inclusivity for those who might not typically apply independently.

Also, DiscoverEU Learning Cycle, offers opportunity to travel short-term in Europe by rail. The program aims to provide individuals aged 18 with the opportunity to explore various landscapes and cities of the continent while promoting independence, self-confidence, and a sense of EU identity. The European Union provides **a travel card** to selected applicants. To participate, applicants must submit their applications through the **European Youth Portal** during the open application period. The selection process is based on a multiple-choice exam and an additional question, with at least 35,000 applicants being selected to participate in the program based on their answers.



Mobility of Youth Workers

ERASMUS+ facilitates the professional development of youth workers through mobility support for training or networking experiences abroad. These periods encompass activities such as training courses, study visits, job shadowing, and observation periods at relevant organizations. The duration spans from 2 days to 2 months, excluding travel time. To participate, organizations must engage in a collaborative youth mobility project.

Financial support, provided through an EU grant, covers travel expenses and associated costs. Individuals cannot apply directly; organizations submit applications, ensuring active involvement in the mobility and professional growth of youth workers.

This initiative contributes to the development of quality youth work on various levels, including local, regional, national, European, and international spheres. It aligns with the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, particularly the European Youth Work Agenda, emphasizing quality, innovation, and recognition in youth work.

Mobility projects for youth workers focus on:

- Provide non-formal and informal learning opportunities for educational and professional development of youth workers, contributing to high quality individual practice as well as to the evolution of youth work organisations and systems.
- Build a community of youth workers that can support the quality of projects and activities for young people in EU programmes and beyond.
- Develop local youth work practices and contribute to capacity building for quality youth work of the participants and their organisation, having a clear impact on the participating youth workers' regular work with young people.



YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Youth Participation

ERASMUS+ actively promotes activities beyond formal education, designed to encourage, foster, and facilitate young people's engagement in Europe's democratic life at various levels—local, regional, national, and European.

This initiative, known as Youth Participation Activities, aligns with the objectives of Erasmus+ by supporting youth-driven projects that encourage and enhance participation in Europe's democratic life.

- Key objectives include providing meaningful opportunities for engagement and learning in civic society.
- Emphasis on fostering civic, economic, social, cultural, and political participation.
- Particular focus on those with fewer opportunities.
- Programme aims to develop digital competences and media literacy.
- Focus on critical thinking and ability to assess and work with information.
- Aims to increase resilience to disinformation, misinformation, and propaganda.

Furthermore, Erasmus+ endeavors to facilitate connections by bringing together young people and decision-makers at local, regional, national, and transnational levels. This includes contributions to the EU Youth Dialogue, fostering platforms for meaningful interactions and discussions.

- Erasmus+ aims to play a crucial role in shaping active engagement of young people in democratic life.
- Focus on engagement across different levels and contexts.



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EUROPEAN YOUTH TOGETHER

European Youth Together

European Youth Together projects aim to establish networks fostering regional partnerships, closely collaborating with young people from EU Member States and associated third countries. These networks organize exchanges, promote training sessions, and facilitate joint projects for young individuals, spanning both physical and online realms.

The overarching objectives center on cultivating cooperation among young people across Europe, enabling joint projects, exchanges, and training activities. The action strives to bolster transnational partnerships for youth organizations, emphasizing the reinforcement of their **European dimension**.

Key thematic priorities include alignment with and promotion of the EU Youth Strategy 2019–2027 and the European Youth Goals.

The action aims to support specific objectives:

- promotion of transnational cooperation,
- advocacy for core EU values, engagement in democratic processes,
- empowerment of youth organizations through innovation, and
- reinforcement of the European dimension in grassroots activities.



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY Corps

The European Solidarity Corps, an EU-funded initiative, caters to young individuals eager to participate in solidarity activities, aiding the disadvantaged, engaging in humanitarian efforts, and contributing to health and environmental initiatives within the EU and globally. The program not only makes a meaningful impact on society but also provides individuals aged 18 to 30 or 18 to 35 with valuable experience and skill development.

- Initiative for young individuals in solidarity activities.
- Activities include aiding the disadvantaged, engaging in humanitarian efforts, and contributing to health and environmental initiatives.
- Opportunity for individuals aged 18 to 30 (for societal challenges) and 18 to 35 (for humanitarian aid).
- Focus on making a meaningful impact on society.

The European Solidarity Corps addresses organizations in the solidarity sector, providing them with an opportunity to involve youth in their activities. Participating organizations must secure a **quality label**, affirming their capability to execute high-quality solidarity activities in line with the program's principles and objectives. The programme serves as a bridge between enthusiastic individuals and impactful societal initiatives.

- Opportunity for organizations in the solidarity sector to involve youth.
- Organizations must secure a quality label to participate.
- Quality label affirms the capability to execute high-quality solidarity activities.
- Managed by the European Commission and National Agencies.

Aligned with the ongoing digital transformation, the European Solidarity Corps introduces an innovative approach through online training, aiming to enhance the learning experiences of young individuals.

- Initiative to enhance learning experiences through online training.
- Innovative approach to align with the ongoing digital transformation.
- Online training accessible on the European Youth Portal.
- A comprehensive resource for registered participants in the program.



Engaging in the European Solidarity Corps: An Opportunity to...

VOLUNTEERING serves as a potent avenue for meaningful contributions, solidarity, and aiding communities in need, with individuals making a voluntary commitment to dedicate their time and skills without financial compensation. The programme ensures robust support, covering travel, accommodation, meals, insurance, and providing pocket money for volunteers' needs.

- Volunteering allows individuals to make meaningful contributions and showcase solidarity.
- Represents a voluntary commitment without financial compensation.
- Comprehensive support includes travel, accommodation, meals, and insurance.
- Provision of pocket money to meet volunteers' needs.



Engaging in volunteering is a **transformative learning journey** that significantly enhances personal and professional development. This experience involves comprehensive training, mentor-guided goal-setting, and ongoing support. It provides opportunities to improve language and intercultural skills, foster independence, overcome challenges, and cultivate effective teamwork.

- Comprehensive training is provided before, during, and after the volunteering period.
- Mentors guide participants in setting clear objectives and offer ongoing support.
- Opportunity to enhance language and intercultural skills, foster independence, overcome challenges, and cultivate effective teamwork.

The volunteering adventure involves immersing oneself in another country, exploring different cultures, and forming new connections. It transcends a mere demonstration of solidarity, bringing fresh perspectives and a multicultural spirit to the organization and local community, often surpassing initial expectations.

- Goes beyond a simple demonstration of solidarity, contributing fresh perspectives.
- Creates a multicultural spirit within the organization and local community.
- The impact often exceeds initial expectations.

Participating in the European Solidarity Corps establishes a **lasting sense of community** that extends beyond the volunteering period. Upon return, individuals can maintain connections with a network of former volunteers, sharing experiences, actively engaging, and inspiring other young people in their home communities.

- The sense of community extends beyond the volunteering period.
- Maintaining connections with a network of former volunteers.
- Involvement in sharing experiences, actively engaging, and inspiring other young people in home communities.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS OPPORTUNITIES

European Solidarity Corps Opportunities

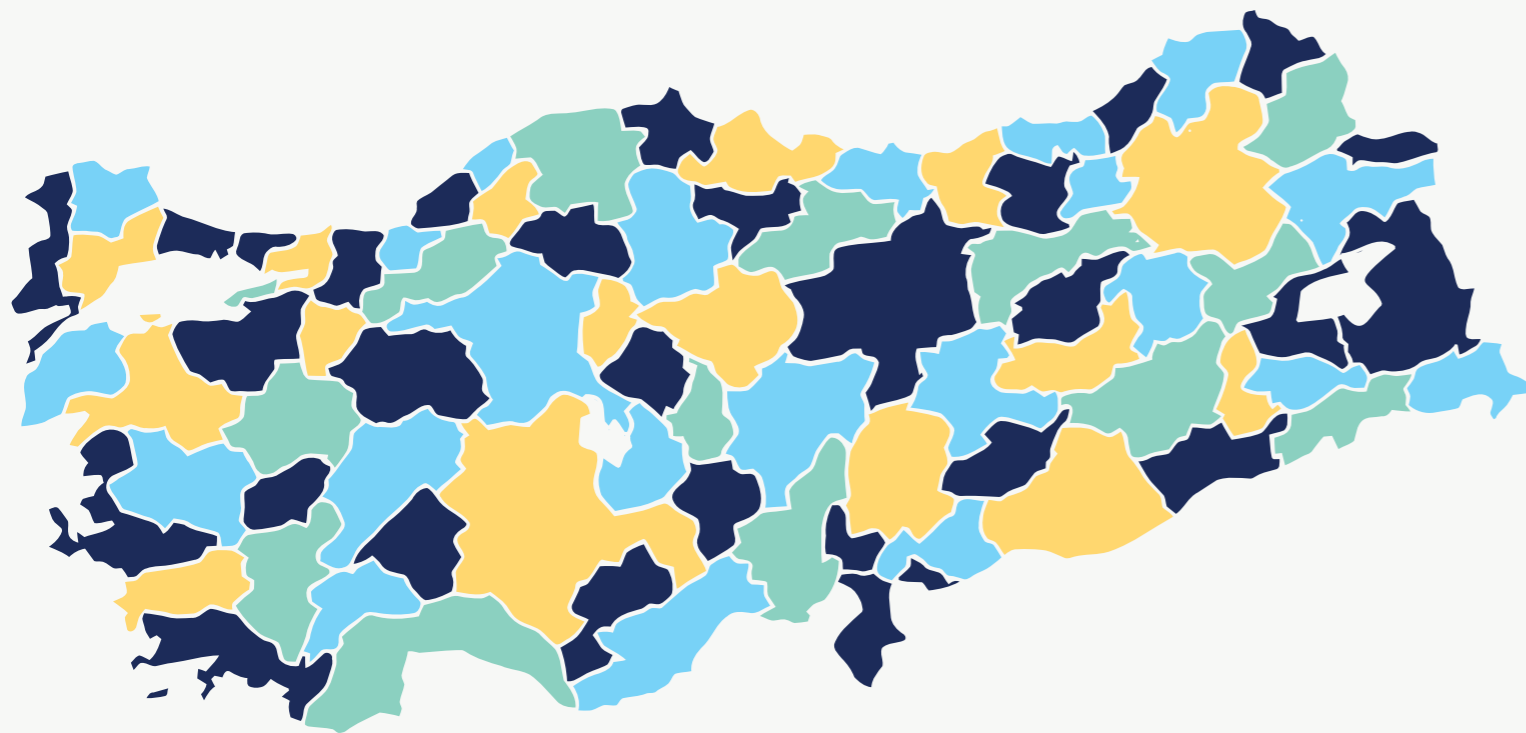
Volunteering: Volunteering offers young individuals the chance to actively contribute to organizations specializing in solidarity activities that benefit communities. These activities can occur either abroad or within the participant's home country. Individual volunteering spans up to 12 months, while team volunteering typically ranges from 2 weeks to 2 months.

Solidarity Projects: The programme places a renewed focus on volunteering and solidarity projects, emphasizing bottom-up activities initiated and executed by groups of young people. These projects aim to address key challenges within their communities.

Humanitarian Aid Strand: Open to individuals aged 18 to 35, this initiative facilitates emergency aid delivery based on principles such as neutrality, humanity, independence, and impartiality. Volunteers play a crucial role in providing assistance, relief, and protection in areas of greatest need, addressing humanitarian challenges in safe third countries associated to the programme where EU humanitarian aid activities are conducted. Comprehensive training ensures volunteers possess the necessary skills and competencies to effectively aid those in need, supported by experienced coaches and experts.



Why Türkiye?



Quality Higher Education Opportunities



University and Programme Diversity

Modern Technological Campuses



Historical and Cultural Heritage

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Hospitable Turkish People

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Quality Higher Education Opportunities

Türkiye boasts the second-highest access rate to higher education globally, standing at an impressive 94.2%. As an active participant in the European Higher Education Area, Türkiye meticulously implements the Bologna Process, reflected in our exemplary 5 out of 5 Bologna report rating. This ensures that a diploma obtained from a Turkish university holds recognition across all European countries. Aligning with European standards, Türkiye employs the ECTS course credit system, and all students receive a Diploma Supplement. Furthermore, Türkiye stands out as one of the most successful nations engaged in Erasmus+ exchange programmes, offering additional initiatives like Mevlana and Farabi to support the mobility of both students and lecturers. This commitment to international collaboration underscores Türkiye's dedication to fostering educational opportunities and global connectivity.



University and Programme Diversity

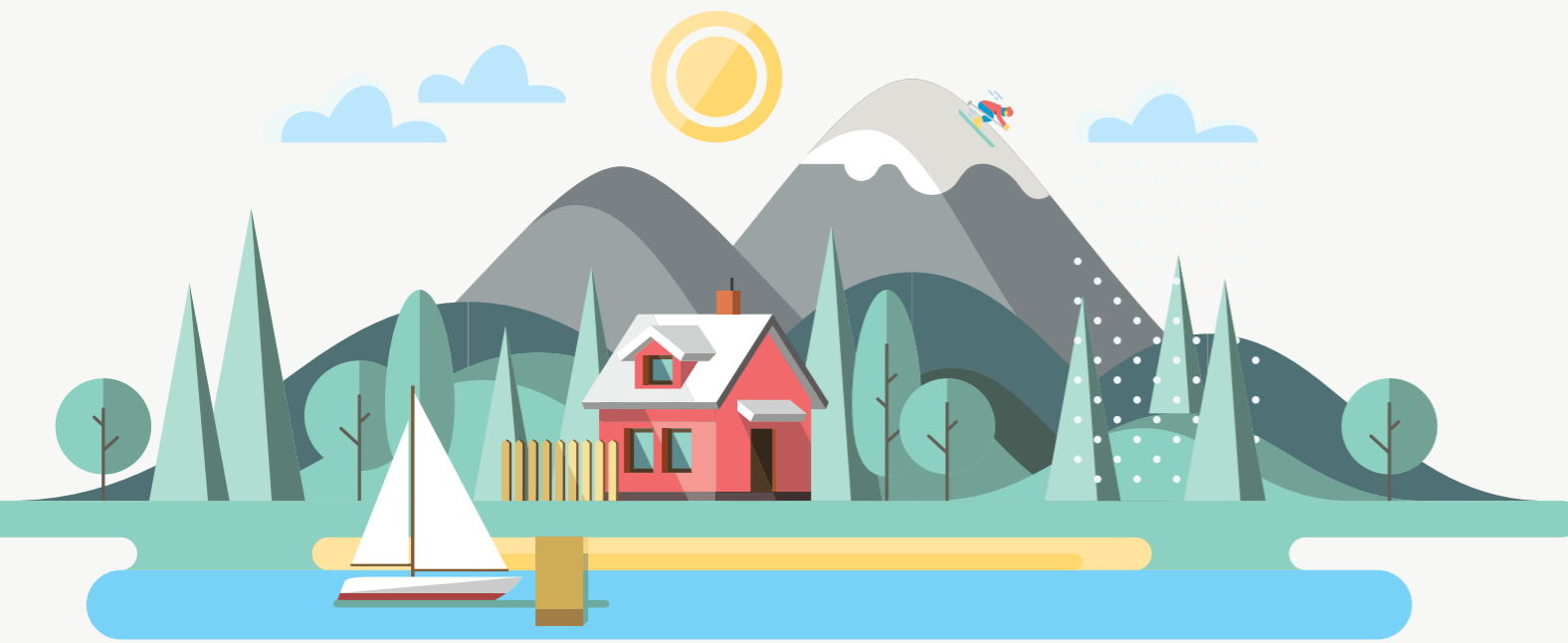
Over the past decade, Turkey has witnessed a significant rise in international students enrolled in its higher education institutions, with current figures exceeding 300 thousand, positioning the country with the highest student population in the European Higher Education Area among its 208 universities (ECHE holders) and a total population of 84 million. Additionally, Türkiye stands among the top 10 countries globally in terms of hosting international students, emphasizing its attractiveness as an international education hub. With this rich academic tapestry, Türkiye provides an extensive and inclusive platform for students seeking diverse educational opportunities.



NATURAL BEAUTIES

Natural Beauties

Türkiye, distinguished by its four distinct seasons, has earned global acclaim for its unparalleled natural beauty. The surrounding seas invite enthusiasts to indulge in swimming and water sports, while numerous mountainous cities offer ideal conditions for skiing. For those seeking more adventurous pursuits, the rivers present opportunities for thrilling activities like rafting and other extreme sports. Moreover, Türkiye boasts a rich biodiversity, with nearly 3000 endemic plants flourishing in its lands. This botanical diversity adds another layer to the country's allure, enhancing the already captivating landscape and contributing to the overall appeal of Türkiye as a haven for natural enthusiasts and adventure seekers alike.



HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Historical and Cultural Heritage

Türkiye boasts a rich and extensive cultural heritage, with thousands of historical monuments that have stood the test of time. Many of these significant landmarks are officially recognized and protected as UNESCO Cultural Heritage sites. Whether exploring ancient ruins, centuries-old traditions, or embracing local customs, participants in Türkiye find themselves surrounded by a tangible connection to the past in their daily lives.

The country's rich heritage offers a diverse tapestry of cultural influences shaped by various civilizations across centuries. Participants have the chance to immerse themselves in the profound history embedded in the landscapes, monuments, and traditions that contribute to Türkiye's unique identity.

Moreover, the experience extends beyond historical exploration. Engaging with Turkish students and locals presents a distinctive opportunity for cross-cultural interaction. This interaction fosters a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives, enriching the overall experience and creating lasting connections between participants and the vibrant cultural fabric of Türkiye.



STUDENT FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Student Friendly Environment

Türkiye stands out as an exceptionally student-friendly country, with at least one university in every city. This widespread accessibility to higher education contributes to a vibrant and inclusive environment for students. Each university hosts a variety of social clubs, sports teams, and cultural events, serving as focal points for students to come together and bridge geographical distances.

Upon arrival in Türkiye, it becomes evident that the most dynamic and lively areas of the cities are the ones where students congregate. The bustling energy emanates from the social hubs, with cafes, restaurants, and libraries serving as popular meeting places for students. This constant student presence ensures that cities remain alive and active 24 hours a day, creating a dynamic atmosphere that enhances the overall student experience in Türkiye.



HOSPITABLE TURKISH PEOPLE

Hospitable Turkish People

The legendary hospitality of Turkish people has garnered acclaim worldwide, making Türkiye a welcoming destination for students from diverse backgrounds. As a student/participant of any Erasmus+ programme in Türkiye, the warmth of the local community is evident in the willingness of people to extend genuine help with sincerity and friendliness. Should you find yourself in need, reaching out for assistance is met with open arms, reflecting the cultural ethos that values hospitality and communal support.



MODERN TECHNOLOGICAL CAMPUSES

Modern Technological Campuses

Embarking on your academic journey at any of Türkiye's 208 universities promises a modern and technologically advanced campus experience. State-of-the-art facilities, smart classrooms, and digital libraries are seamlessly integrated to enhance learning, innovation, and collaboration. These campuses not only prioritize academic excellence but also prepare students for the challenges of a rapidly evolving global landscape, creating a convenient and enriched environment for a diverse range of student activities.



EASY LIVING CONDITIONS

Easy Living Conditions

Living in Türkiye offers a cost-effective lifestyle compared to many other countries, making it an appealing destination for students. Affordability is evident across various aspects of life, from accommodation to food, drinks, and entertainment. Options like staying in university dormitories or renting a house come with reasonable price tags, ensuring that students can comfortably meet their living expenses. Additionally, transportation costs are student-friendly, with discounted tickets available for various modes of travel, and even leisure activities like cinema visits come at more affordable prices.

Beyond its economic advantages, Türkiye's strategic geographical location between Asia and Europe enhances accessibility. This central positioning allows students to easily explore the country's countless attractions. Whether opting for dormitories within or near university campuses, renting a house, or utilizing discounted transportation options, students can navigate Türkiye quickly and comfortably. This geographical advantage not only facilitates travel within the country but also presents opportunities for students to discover diverse landscapes and cultural treasures efficiently.



SOCIAL LIFE AND LIFESTYLE

Social Life and Lifestyle

Immersing oneself in a dynamic social environment, Erasmus+ participants in Türkiye can benefit from the renowned hospitality of the local population, contributing to a vibrant social scene. The opportunities to engage in a myriad of local events, festivals, and cultural activities abound. Additionally, Turkish cuisine stands as a testament to its rich and diverse culinary heritage. Participants can relish the experience of delving into the local gastronomic scene, savouring a wide array of dishes ranging from traditional kebabs to delectable sweet treats like baklava.



RESOURCES TO CHECK

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For more information, you can visit:

- [Turkish National Agency](#)
- [EACEA Erasmus+](#)
- [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)
- [European Youth Portal - ESC](#)
- [European Solidarity Corps Guide](#)
- [Study in Türkiye](#)
- [Türkiye Scholarships](#)
- [Google Arts & Culture Treasures of Türkiye](#)
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